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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA IN OAS

1. DURING REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 6, 1973 PRESIDENT CALDERA SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO CUBA VENEZUELA HOLDS THAT INTER-AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN AN INOPERATIVE PROVISION. ASKED ABOUT REPORTS VENEZUELA WILL ANNOUNCE RESSTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA NEXT MONTH, CALDERA SAID ATTITUDE OF GOV HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR: VENEZUELA WANTS OAS TO AGREE THAT COUNTRIES WHICH WISH BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CUBA CAN ESTABLISH THEM. REPEATING "NEITHER FIRST NOR LAST" FORMULATION, CALDERA ADDED THAT VENEZUELA, WHICH ORIGINALLY CALLED FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA, HAS GREATER AUTHORITY NOW TO CALL FOR NEW ATTITUDE, IN KEEPING WITH DESIRE FOR EASING TENSIONS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI, ASKED SAME DAY IF VENEZUELA HAS 12 VOTES NECESSARY FOR MAJORITY VOTE ON VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE IN OAS, SIDESTEPED QUESTION BY SAYING HE IS STILL AWAITING SOME REPLIES TO VENEZUELAN MEMORANDUM SENT TO OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS EXPLAINING THIS COUNTRY'S POSITION. HE CATEGORICALLY DENIED PRESSURES ARE BEING EXERTED ON VENEZUELA

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